

In claim 15, lines 1-2, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 6" and insert therefor
--claims 1 or 2--.

In claim 17, lines 6-7, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 6" and insert therefor
--claims 1 or 2--.

In claim 18, line 5, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 6" and insert therefor
--claims 1 or 2--.

Please add the following new claims:

19. A process for preparing the compounds as defined in claim 1, comprising forming an ester of the carboxy group of a 5-aminolevulinic acid.
20. A process as claimed in claim 19, comprising reacting a 5-aminolevulinic acid, or an esterifiable derivative thereof, with an alkanol or an ester-forming derivative thereof.

Please enter the above-described amendments before taking up the application for examination.

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